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Dear Bill:

25X1 I have held up answering your letter of 1 September  
 25X1 which was delivered to me by [ ] until I could have a talk  
 25X1 with [ ]. He came in last Thursday and discussed the whole  
 25X1 problem--what he expects to do, etc., etc. After his exposition,  
 25X1 I regret that we shall be unable to turn over [ ]  
 25X1 and [ ] to your new outfit. [ ] wants these three  
 25X1 people on his staff, and, supported as he is by HICOG and the  
 25X1 Department of State, the only thing we can do is to agree. Con-  
 25X1 sequently, we have arranged for [ ] to remain  
 25X1 with [ ] for a tentative period to get his organization running.  
 25X1 As regards [ ] he, too, will be assigned to [ ] out-  
 25X1 fit provided he still desires to remain in Germany. In view of  
 [ ] personal predicament, he may wish to come home, and in that  
 case we couldn't possibly stand in his way. Otherwise, the three  
 will remain with [ ] certainly for the time being.

I am sorry that a more favorable answer can't be given  
 to your letter, but I shall look forward very much to seeing you  
 when you return, and perhaps we can arrange something then.

With very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 9/19 thru ER  
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